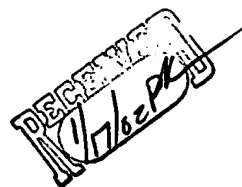


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Dear Sir:  
As per your request, attached is a copy of the Response  
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SIR: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above application.

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.  
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Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2001, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method of routing a transaction, the method including:  
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